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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF HIGH PURITY  
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### AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.